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Fig. 1. Growth of Pb, Sr, and Nd isotopic ratios with time in the solar nebula (SN) and the earth (CE), showing the effects of the original condensation of the nebula and accretion of the earth (CA), core formation in the earth (CF), and subsequent magmatic processes within the earth. On the  $T = 0$  axis are shown the relative present-day values of the isotopic ratios for the earth's upper mantle (UM) and continental crust (C) and their relationship to the values in the earth, sun (SN), and the chondritic meteorites (Chur). Only for Nd do the present values for the earth, sun, and chondrites correspond. Nd isotopic variations measured in rocks therefore reflect only the magmatic processes that have caused the earth to evolve the present structure of its mantle and crust.



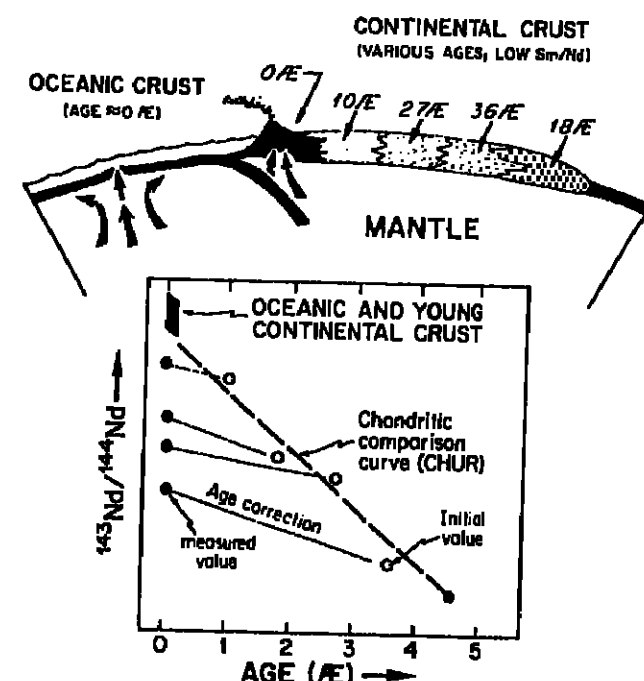


Fig. 2. The evolution of the  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratio in the earth's mantle is determined by measuring the present-day value of  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  in rocks from the crust and correcting for the rock's age, which also must be determined. Initial ratios, calculated for rocks of various ages, are used to define the  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  in the mantle as a function of time. By comparing these to the chondritic meteorite curve (CHUR), information is obtained about the evolution of mantle structure through time.

time of the earth's formation. Subsequent magmatic processes have also fractionated Rb and Sr by large factors, so that information on the age of the crust is also given by Rb-Sr. The present  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  of crust and upper mantle presumably straddle the earth value, but the exact earth value is unknown because essentially all materials at the earth's surface have been affected by magmatic fractionations at some time. The evolution curves for  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  are almost straight lines because the half-life of  $^{87}\text{Rb}$  is so long (50 eons  $\approx 50 \times 10^9$  yr).

The Sm-Nd system is different because both Sm and Nd probably condensed from the solar nebula at the same time, and neither would have entered the core, so there was no fractionation of Sm from Nd at those times. However, substantial fractionation of Sm from Nd does occur in magmatic processes, and essentially only in magmatic processes. Consequently, the Sm-Nd system gives no information on the age of the earth, but, on the other hand, it provides an excellent means to study the magmatic differentiation of the planet without complications that relate to its original formation. A good estimate of the present-day  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  for the total earth is provided by measurements on the chondritic meteorites (Jacobsen and Wasserburg, 1980). This baseline value is enormously valuable. For instance, the complementary nature of the present-day  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  values for the earth's upper mantle and continental crust is readily apparent in Figure 1 (top). Estimates of the amount of Nd present in each reservoir have therefore allowed a mass balance between the crust and the mantle, simply using the lever rule, so that the amount of the mantle that has been involved in producing the crust

could be calculated (see below). The Sm-Nd method adds a new, and much needed, dimension to isotopic studies of planetary evolution.

### The Evolution of the Earth's Mantle

The application of the Sm-Nd method to problems of the history and structure of the earth's mantle is illustrated in Figure 2. Measurements of the  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratio in oceanic volcanic rocks, all of which are relatively young in comparison with the age of the earth, and in young continental rocks give an indication of the value and the variability of this ratio in the upper mantle today because the rocks represent solidified magmas that are presently coming from the upper mantle. Older rocks are present in the continental crust, and can be used to determine the  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  in the mantle at various times in the past. The assumption is that all of the rock materials that make up the continents were, at one time, derived from the mantle as magmas, which solidified and have remained near the surface because of their low density. As shown in Figure 2 (bottom) the  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratio is measured in a rock sample and then corrected for the rock's age back to an 'initial' value which represents the  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratio the rock had at the time it came from the mantle. The slope of the age-correction vector is proportional to the Sm/Nd ratio measured in the rock, as in Figure 1. The initial ratios can then be compared to the 'CHUR' for chondritic uniform reservoir. Deviations from this curve, usually expressed as the parameter  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  (in units of 0.01%), are indicative of chemical differentiation in the mantle and can be interpreted in terms of models of earth evolution. Recovering information about the mantle from rocks in the continental crust can be a tricky business and requires a considerable amount of geological insight, which comes from other types of studies of the rocks. A particular problem is that some igneous rocks do not represent magmas derived from the mantle but, rather, appear to be melted from the crust itself. Such rocks can give no information about the mantle. On the other hand, the  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  initial ratios can often be used to identify magmas derived from the crust, a problem of considerable interest, especially for some magmas that contain economically important amounts of ore metals such as gold, silver, copper, and molybdenum.

Initial  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratios that have been determined on rocks which are suspected of being derived from the mantle are shown on Figure 3. The most obvious conclusion is that the data fit the CHUR curve rather well. This indicates that the Sm/Nd ratio of the mantle, and presumably the whole earth, is essentially exactly that of the average chondritic meteorite, where 'exactly' means  $\pm 2\%$  or 3%. The demonstration of such a close correspondence between the relative abundance of two elements in the earth and chondrites is unprecedented and offers support that chondrites provide a meaningful model for the earth's composition, at least for some elements that are nonvolatile and nonmetallic in their geochemical behavior.

The minimal scatter about the CHUR line, especially for rocks older than about 2 eons, is also noteworthy. It indicates that the mantle started out with a uniform composition, probably because of the mixing effect of rapid convection when the earth was hotter, during its early history. The uniformity contrasts sharply with the pronounced layering in the moon evidenced by analogous data from lunar rocks (Figure 8). Younger rocks exhibit increasing scatter, mostly above the CHUR line, indicating that chemically different domains evolved gradually in the mantle as opposed to being formed early and persisting through time.

### The Age of the Continents

When continental crust forms, it generally is fractionated chemically, relative to the mantle, including having a Sm/Nd ratio about 40% lower on average. Consequently, its subsequent isotopic evolution is along a vector of proportionally lower slope, as shown in Figure 3 for crust formed 3.8 eons ago. In cases where crustal age was not previously known, the intersection of the crust evolution vector with the CHUR curve gives the age. This model age is called  $T_{\text{CHUR}}$ . Interestingly, no rocks have yet been found with intersections that correspond to an age greater than 3.8 eons. Thus the oldest rocks known are about 0.75 eons younger than the age of the earth. The Sm-Nd data confirm that this age gap is real and not merely the effect of 'resetting' of isotopic ages at more recent times, which can

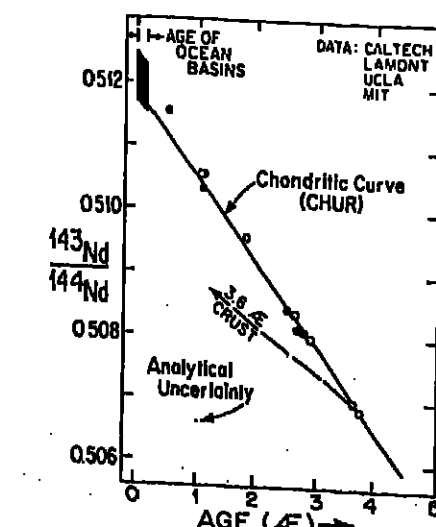


Fig. 3. Measured initial ratios for crustal rocks, showing a close fit to the CHUR curve, with increasing scatter at more recent times. Note that the total change in  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  over the entire history of the earth is only about 1%, but the analytical uncertainty is still small by comparison.

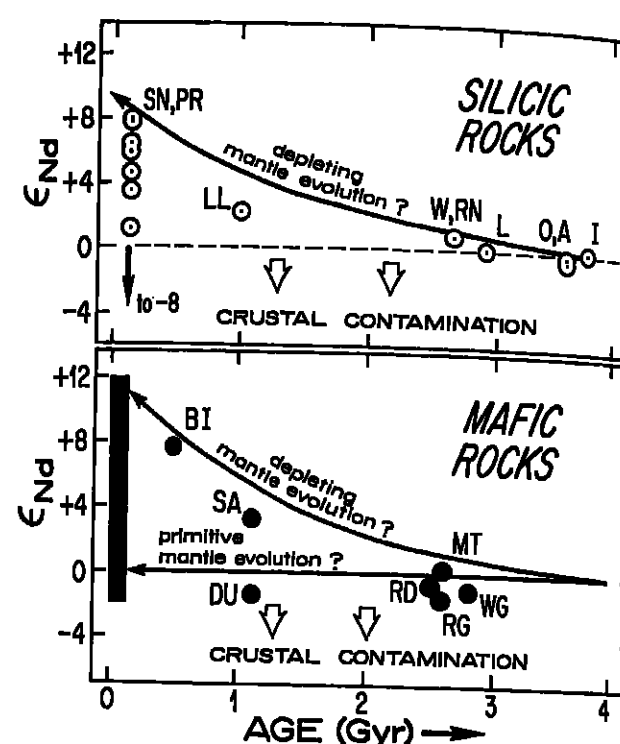


Fig. 4. Deviations of the initial  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratios from the CHUR curve (from Figure 3), expressed as  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$ —the fractional difference in units of 0.01%.

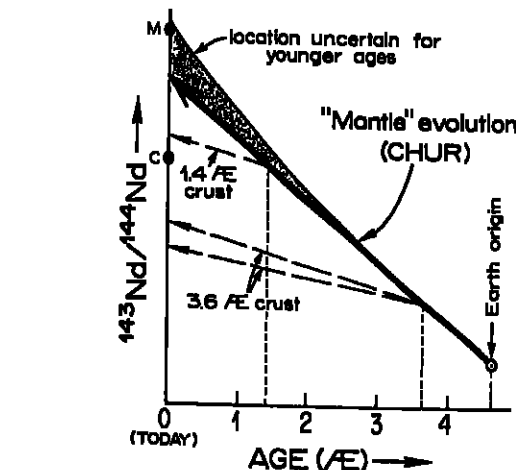


Fig. 5. Model for crust and mantle Nd isotopic evolution. Crust forms by extraction of chemically fractionated material from the mantle and evolves along lines of lower slope, reflecting low Sm/Nd ratios. The residual mantle, with increased Sm/Nd, must evolve away from CHUR in the opposite direction. Present values of  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  in average crust (C) and in midocean ridge basalts (M) are also shown.

sometimes obscures the true age.  $T_{\text{CHUR}}$  ages are not sensitive to later tectonic disturbances, as are many other radiometric ages. The explanation of this delay in the formation of crust is still not agreed upon. Presently favored is the idea that the early earth was so hot, and convection so rapid, that crust was unstable, being destroyed and remixed into the mantle as rapidly as it formed. Only after the earth cooled sufficiently could crust be preserved. An alternative hypothesis is that the earth started cold and required time to heat up to the point that melting could occur in the interior and crust formation begin is considered less likely.

The deviations of the data points from the CHUR curve are magnified in the  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$ -time diagrams of Figure 4. The increasing deviations at more recent times are clearly shown. The mafic rocks, basalt and gabbro, have petrologic characteristics that are consistent with their coming directly from the mantle as magmas. They could be considered the best samplers of the mantle. On the other hand, the silicic rocks, granite, granodiorite, and related rock types, have petrologic characteristics that suggest they are not directly derived from the mantle. However, silicic rocks appear to make up the bulk of the continental crust and are therefore important for determining how crust is formed. If the mantle had retained a chondritic Sm/Nd ratio throughout the earth's history, all of the points would be expected to fall at  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}} = 0$  for all times. The deviations from  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}} = 0$  indicate that at least some parts of the mantle have acquired an Sm/Nd ratio different from chondritic. Since most of the deviations are positive (i.e.,  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}} > 0$ ), the implication is that parts of the mantle have Sm/Nd higher than chondritic.

A simple explanation emerges if one recalls that the continental crust has low Sm/Nd. It is also enriched in both elements, relative to the mantle, by a factor of about 25 for Nd and about 16 for Sm. Consequently, it is clear that as continental crust forms the mantle loses Nd at a greater rate than Sm and hence acquires a higher Sm/Nd ratio. The curved lines in Figure 4 show how the  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  of the mantle would evolve as its Sm/Nd gradually increased as a result of the growth of the crust. The overall model is illustrated in Figure 5, where the complementary nature of the crustal evolution lines for  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  (dashed) and the mantle evolution (solid) is shown. This model for the relationship between the chemical composition of the crust and complementary changes in the composition of the mantle is intuitively simple and, in fact, seems almost trivial. But, surprisingly perhaps, this consideration had until recently received relatively little attention, for the reason that with the other isotope systems the complementary changes in the mantle could not be identified because the starting-point composition was unknown (as shown in Figure 1). The Sm-Nd isotope system provides the baseline—the  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}} = 0$  line (CHUR), and the systematic deviations shown in Figures 4 and 5 represent the first data that can be used to quantify the complementary nature of the continental crust and the mantle from which it was extracted. Furthermore, the iso-

topes are better tracers for this purpose than chemical tracers, because they are intensive and see through the chemical changes that accompany the formation of magma in the mantle.

### Basaltic Volcanism and a Model for the Structure of the Mantle

The  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$ -time data are one side of the evidence that has led to a rather simple picture of the structure of the mantle and its relationship to the crust, depicted in Figure 7. The other side is shown in Figure 6, a histogram of  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values measured in young basalts. This figure shows the distribution of some of the data within the heavy solid bar in Figure 4 (bottom). The important characteristics of the data are: (1) basalts (or andesites) of a given tectonic setting have a characteristic value of  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  with a finite variability of about  $\pm 2$  or 3 units, (2) almost all oceanic basalts have  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  between +4 and +12, and (3) continental flood basalts, volumetrically the most significant manifestations of basaltic volcanism on continents, have  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  distinctly different from the oceanic basalts and cluster at  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}} \approx 0$ , the value characteristic of undifferentiated mantle. Taking these values to represent the  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  of the mantle domains from which the basalts come, the oceanic lavas clearly show the depleted (in Nd relative to Sm) nature of the mantle, as expected. The continental lavas, however, appear to require that some parts of the mantle are still in a relatively pristine state and have not been affected by extraction of continental crust. Furthermore, there is simply the puzzling difference between continental and oceanic regions, independent of the meaning of the actual values.

One of the most interesting aspects of these data is the relatively tight clustering of  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values for each group, even though the points represent a worldwide sampling. This indicates, for instance, that the mantle 'reservoir' from which midocean ridge basalts come is relatively well mixed on a global scale—and on a time scale that is short in comparison with the age of the crust. This also appears to hold true for island arcs and intraplate oceanic islands, even though each has a mean  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  that differs from the rocks of the other tectonic settings. Clearly, these observations must be taken into account in any model of the structure and dynamics of the earth's mantle. However, at the present state of knowledge it is far from clear how best to model the data.

Wasserburg and DePaolo [1979] took a geometrical approach, visualizing the earth as a series of boxes, each with a characteristic  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  and each representing a possible source for basaltic magmas. These boxes then had to be arranged in a way so as to produce the observed distribution of  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values at the surface (Figure 7) and still be reconcilable with continental drift and plate tectonics. For example, one of the 'rules' used in constructing the model was that magmas erupted on continents must always be different isotopically from those erupted in oceanic areas, but, in addition, continents and oceans must be allowed to change places almost instantaneously as a result of continental drift. The complementary nature of the continental crust and the upper (oceanic) mantle had also to be taken into account.

The resultant model, in a simplified form, is shown in Figure 7. Basically, it is a two-layer mantle. The lower mantle is undifferentiated with respect to Sm, Nd, and other lithophilic elements and, consequently, has retained its  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}} = 0$  for the entire history of the earth. The upper mantle continuously cycles through the process of ocean floor formation at ocean ridges and subduction, and, as a by-product of this cycle, new continental crust is continually made in magmatic arcs associated with the subduction zones by extraction of chemically fractionated materials from the mantle. The upper mantle today therefore has a positive  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  (+12), which represents the integrated effect of making low-Sm/Nd crust over the past 3.8 eons. This positive  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  is counterbalanced by the negative- $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  continental crust, estimated to average  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}} \approx -15$ . (The estimated average values of  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  in the crust and upper mantle are shown schematically in Figure 5, where the relationship of the average crustal  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  to the average age of the

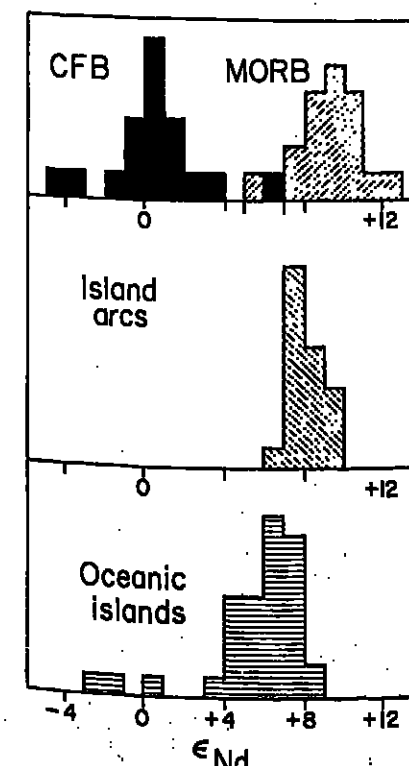


Fig. 6.  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values in young basalts. MORB—midocean ridge basalt, CFB—continental flood basalt (from DePaolo and Wasserburg, 1979).

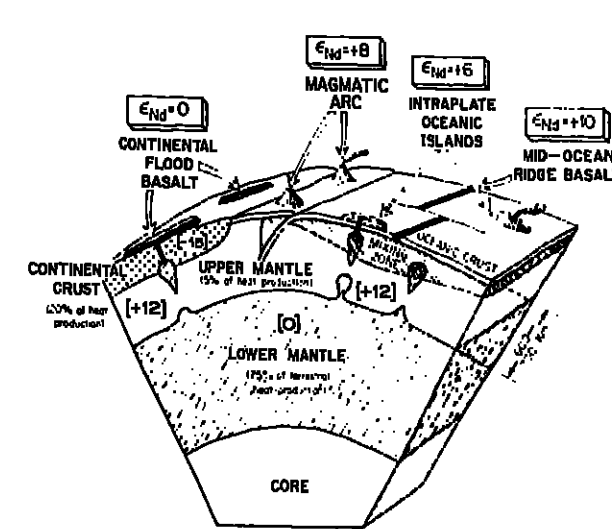


Fig. 7. Earth structure model based on Nd isotopic data. Continental crust is continuously produced in magmatic arcs from the upper mantle, and presently the  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values for the crust ( $-15$ ) and the upper mantle ( $+12$ ) are complementary. The lower mantle does not directly take part in the crust-producing process, but diapirs or plumes rise up from the lower mantle, producing intraplate basaltic volcanism and releasing juvenile gases to the atmosphere. The depth shown for the upper-lower mantle boundary is a best estimate; the data would allow it to be either shallower or deeper.

crust is apparent.) Since the mass of the continental crust is known to be about  $2 \times 10^{25}$  g, the  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  can be used to estimate the size (thickness) of the 'upper mantle' pictured in the model. The crust has a Nd abundance estimated to be about 50–60 times higher than the present upper mantle (which is depleted as a result of crust formation), hence the mass of the upper mantle is calculated to be about  $100 \times 10^{25}$  g. This corresponds to a thickness of about 600–700 km; only about one fourth of the mass of the whole mantle. Coincidentally, the calculated depth range corresponds to a marked seismic velocity discontinuity. This finding supports the suggestion that the seismic structure of the mantle may be related to chemical composition differences, and offers a possible explanation of the evolution of this structure. The various intermediate values of  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  found in the oceanic basalts are explained in this model as mixtures of materials from the two mantle layers. Mixing occurs to a great extent in oceanic regions because of the presence of a shallow highly fluid zone where the mantle is near (or above) its melting temperature (low-velocity zone) but generally does not occur in continental areas where this fluid zone is weakly developed or absent entirely.

This view of the earth is attractive for several reasons. It is simple and yet can explain a large fraction of the observations, both isotopic and chemical. In addition, it adds a time perspective to the development of the layering in the mantle. An important implication of the model is that the radioactive elements K, U, and Th, which are responsible for the heat generated within the earth, are now highly depleted in the upper mantle because they are strongly partitioned into the crust when it forms. The lower mantle, however, still retains its original allotment of these elements. Consequently, it appears that the heat-producing elements have not been concentrated near the planet's surface as had been previously thought, but rather most (up to 75%) are still retained deep within the earth. It also provides a picture of the convecting upper mantle being heated from below. This arrangement affects both the modeling of convection in the mantle and the degree to which radiogenic heat production in the earth can be the driving force for convection and its surface manifestation—plate tectonics. The model also suggests that midocean ridge basalts are biased indicators of mantle properties, since they directly sample that relatively small portion of the mantle that has been most modified during the course of earth history.

An obvious test of such a model is whether it can explain other observations. Because Sr isotopes ratios in basalts correlate well with  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values (Figure 9), the Sr data can clearly be considered consistent with the model. A more interesting test comes from a comparison with  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  ratios in volcanic gases. The isotope  $^3\text{He}$  is not produced in the earth in significant amounts, and therefore any that is presently coming out of the earth must date from the time of the earth's origin. Anomalously high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  ratios have been found associated with midocean ridges, oceanic islands, and some continental volcanic areas, like Yellowstone [Craig et al., 1978]. This implies that the earth has not been already thoroughly outgassed. The model of a lower mantle that has been more or less isolated from the earth's surface for all or most of its existence is clearly consistent with the retention of gases deep in the earth. Furthermore, those basalts that appear to have the greatest contribution coming from the lower mantle on the basis of  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values also are associated with the highest  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  ratios. This correlation needs further documentation but is in the correct sense. A possible problem area with the model involves Pb isotopes, where the model appears to be too simple to explain the data. This may be due to the likely situation that Pb isotopes in the mantle are strongly affected by the recycling of relatively small amounts of crust back into the upper mantle. Also Pb isotopes could be affected by any exchange of material between the core and the mantle [Dupré and Allegre, 1980]. Other problems with the model include the nature of the separation between upper mantle and lower mantle, especially since some 'leakage' from one into the other is necessary to satisfy the observations. Also, the mixing origin of the  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values intermediate between 0 and +10 could be questioned. A priori, one might not expect clustering of intermediate values if they are mixtures of two end-member compositions. Although there are problems, it is nevertheless surprising that a reasonably simple model can explain so many of the observations.

### The Earth vs. the Moon

The Sm-Nd isotope system has also allowed comparison of the early histories of the earth and the moon in a way that was never before possible. When the initial  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values of lunar basalts are plotted in the same way shown in Figure 4, they show a large degree of scatter about the CHUR curve (Figure 8). This scatter is much greater than that shown by terrestrial samples of equivalent age. Taking the lunar basalts to be representative of the  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values in the lunar mantle, it is clear that the moon became a highly heterogeneous body very soon after it formed. In contrast, the earth was apparently quite homogeneous throughout the first 1 to 1.5 eons of its existence. The current interpretation of this rather drastic difference is that it is related to the size of the bodies. The moon, which has only one sixth the mass of the earth, was heated sufficiently by the release of gravitational energy for melting to take place soon after accretion. This melting resulted in the formation of the lunar crust, which has a low Sm/Nd like the terrestrial crust, and complementary mantle layers with high (but variable) Sm/Nd [cf. Taylor, 1975]. The earth also probably became hot enough to melt very early. The moon, however, cooled relatively quickly after the initial burst of heat, and the layered structure became permanently 'frozen in.' By virtue of its greater size, much more initial energy was released in the earth, and still more may have been released when the earth's dense iron core formed. This energy was apparently sufficient to keep the earth a well-stirred cauldron for a billion years or more. It will be of considerable interest to determine if this theory of the size dependence of planetary history holds for Mars, Venus, and Mercury. The abundance of water may also be important, as the moon is devoid of water, in contrast to the earth.

### Some Petrologic Inferences

One of the most interesting findings that has come from the Sm-Nd studies is that the  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values of young oceanic basalts correlate very well with the initial  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  ratios (Figure 9). Although this correlation is not well understood yet, it is clearly a fundamental datum for all future models of earth evolution. Broadly speaking, it indicates that shifts in Sm/Nd in the earth's mantle are uniformly associated with complementary shifts in Rb/Sr. This simple observation has, in fact, paved the way for earth models of the type discussed above because it demonstrates a consistency and coherence between the behavior of elements that differ substantially in their geochemical properties. Its importance can be appreciated if one considers that prior to the Sm-Nd measurements, the existing data, from Rb-Sr and U-Th-Pb measurements, showed no relationship whatsoever, which made attempts to create any unified models extremely difficult.

Of more direct petrologic importance is the striking divergence of island arc  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values from the general trend defined by all other oceanic lavas. The shift toward higher  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  is due to the influence of ocean water in the formation of these rocks. Ocean water contains substantial

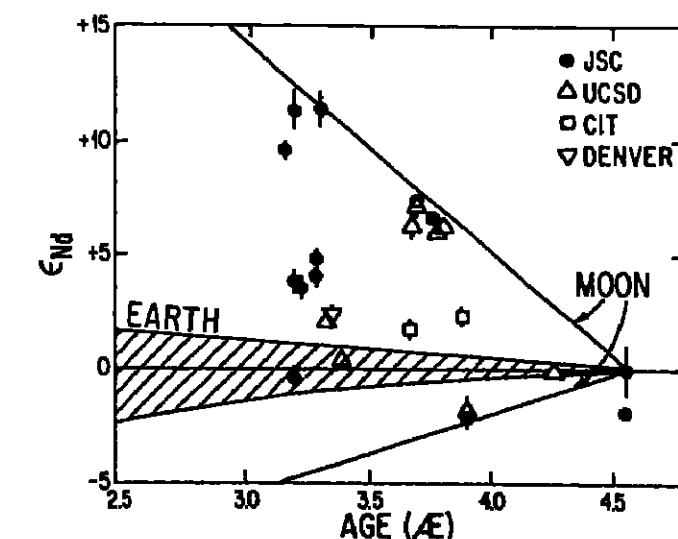


Fig. 8.  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values for lunar basalts (compare Figure 4). The large scatter indicates that the lunar mantle became highly chemically heterogeneous within the first few hundred million years after the moon formed. The earth's mantle, in contrast, was highly homogeneous for almost half of the earth's history. (Data from a summary by Nyquist et al. [1979].)

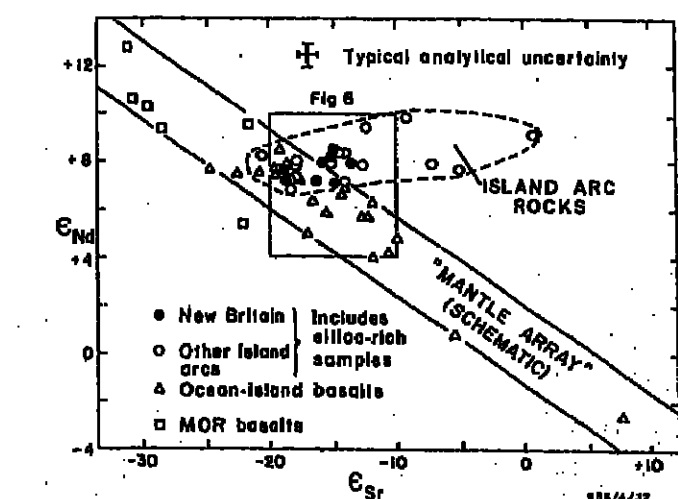


Fig. 9. Correlation of  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  and  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  (expressed here as  $\epsilon_{\text{Sr}}$ ) for most oceanic basalts is shown as the zone labeled 'Mantle Array.' Island arc volcanic rocks deviate markedly from this trend [DePaolo and Johnson, 1979].

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amounts of Sr with high  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ , but since it contains vanishingly small amounts of Nd, there is no effect on  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$ . The only known material that has elevated  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  in relation to  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  is ocean floor basalt that has exchanged Sr with the heated ocean water which circulates through fractures in the solidified basalt at midocean ridges, driven by the heat of shallow magma bodies. The divergence of island arc  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values from the main trend has, therefore, been interpreted as evidence that the magmas that have erupted from island arc volcanoes have been generated from the melting of ocean floor basalt that is descending into the mantle along subduction zones beneath the volcanoes. This model for the origin of island arc magmas has been proposed much earlier, but these data represent one of the few good tests of the hypothesis. The insensitivity of Nd isotopes to hydrothermal alteration also make them useful for studying the isotopic composition of older parts of the ocean floor where unaltered basalt has been difficult to find.

### Geochronology—Sensu Striato

An additional feature of the Sm-Nd isotope system is that it can be used to determine the age of certain types of rocks that have been difficult to date by other methods. Furthermore, the Sm-Nd ages are resistant to mild metamorphism, which can obscure the true ages of rocks by disturbing the systematic isotopic relationships that yield the age information.

A rock type that has been particularly problematical is basalt and its coarser-grained equivalent, gabbro, especially those of great age. As noted above, these rocks are important because they are samplers of the mantle isotopic ratios. Also, they are often valuable for paleomagnetic studies. An example of an age determination on an ancient gabbro where Sm-Nd is used is shown in Figure 10. In this case a precise Sm-Nd isochron age was obtained, whereas only crude ages could be obtained by Rb-Sr. Similar results were obtained by Hamilton et al. (1977), who dated a number of Archean volcanic terranes by Sm-Nd. The high precision of the determined age demonstrates that it is possible to obtain age resolution in very old rocks that is comparable to the resolution obtained for Phanerozoic rocks. Detailed knowledge of age relationships between different rock units, which will be necessary in order to compare the time scales and sequences of geologic processes at present with those of 2 to 3 eons ago, is therefore accessible by combining the Sm-Nd method with other methods that may be more sensitive for other rock types. Application of these precise dating techniques in concert with geologic studies of Precambrian terranes has yet to be undertaken. The Sm-Nd system also offers a means of better determining the synchronicity of volcanic units used in paleomagnetism for pole positions.

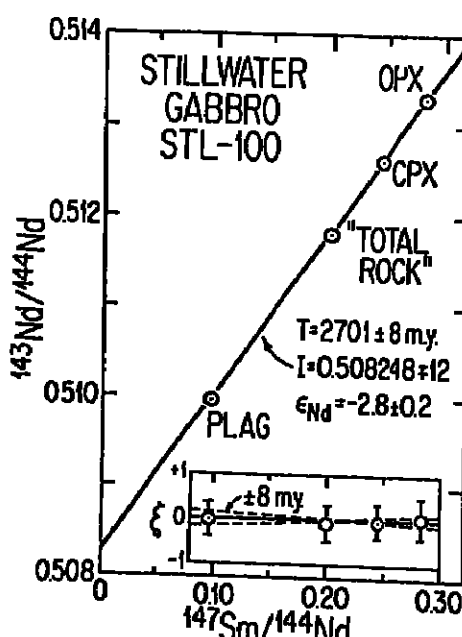


Fig. 10. Sm-Nd mineral isochron for a gabbro from the Stillwater intrusion, southwestern Montana. By combining Sm-Nd dating with other methods, age resolution of  $\pm 10$  million years may be obtainable on most rock types throughout the 3.8 eon geologic record. [Figure from DePaolo and Wasserburg, 1979a].

### Oceanographic Applications

An interesting application of Nd isotopic studies has recently been reported by Piegras et al. (1979). They measured  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values in ocean water and ferromanganese nodules from different oceans. The results, seen in Figure 11, show that each ocean has a different but characteristic range of  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$ . The values measured do not represent detrital material but, rather, correspond to the values of Nd dissolved in the oceans. The values for the different oceans represent differences in isotopic composition of the Nd being carried into the oceans from the continents by rivers, coupled with a short residence time for Nd in seawater. The variability of the  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  in water coming from continents is due to differences in the ages of the continental rocks (see Figure 6). For example, the regions that drain into the Atlantic are underlain by very old rocks, which consequently have large negative values of  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$ . On the other hand, the Pacific is rimmed by young regions of the continental crust that have less negative  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values. These differences are preserved because the Nd entering the oceans precipitates out onto the seafloor too quickly to allow interoceanic circulation to homogenize the isotopic composition between oceans. The gross difference in  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values between the ocean masses and oceanic rocks clearly suggests that the

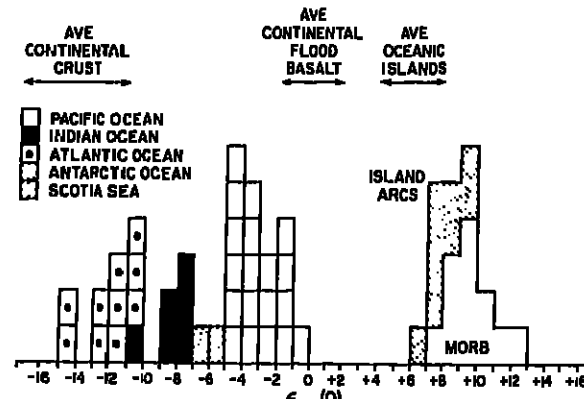


Fig. 11.  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  values measured in ocean water and ferromanganese nodules from different oceans [from Piegras et al., 1979].

bulk of the dissolved rare earths in the oceans is derived from continents. These preliminary studies show that Nd isotopic studies of oceans may be useful for the study of interoceanic mixing rates and the currents responsible for such mixing. The data also reveal a curious irony: the  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  of different oceans are drastically different, while  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  in the mantle beneath the oceans is virtually identical for all oceans! Apparently, for Nd isotopes the mantle is a more well-mixed system than the oceans.

### Heterodoxy

Sm-Nd isotope studies are now firmly entrenched as a tool of first-magnitude importance for the unravelling of planetary histories. They will no doubt play a leading role in the characterization of evolutionary time scales for Mars, Venus, and Mercury (if or when) rock samples from those planets are returned to earth. But in conclusion, it may be prudent to raise an issue that has been glossed over in this presentation but still remains an important problem.

Having cited the correspondence between the Sm/Nd ratio of the earth and that of chondrites as a central strength of the Sm-Nd isotopic investigations, it is an edifying exercise to entertain the possibility that the Sm/Nd ratio of the earth is in fact different from that of chondrites by a small but significant amount. This issue has recently been called to attention by a revision of the Chur evolution curve that resulted from a set of precise measurements of meteorites by Jacobsen and Wasserburg (1980) at Caltech. Possible reasons for such a heretical circumstance include the fact that (a) small but significant Sm/Nd fractionation occurred during condensation or (b) chondrites do not precisely correspond to the composition of the earth for rare-earth elements. Theoretical calculations suggest that the former alternative is possible but not likely [Boynton, 1975]. The latter alternative is a fundamental geochemical question. If it could be proved true, the ramifications would be far-reaching, but at present there is no substantial indication that it is. Furthermore, the correspondence between the solar and chondritic Sm/Nd, and the present understanding of rare-earth behavior during condensation, suggest that it is an unlikely circumstance. A third possibility, somewhat more difficult to discount, is that a shift of the earth's Sm/Nd occurred as a consequence of formation of the moon by fission from the earth (Figure 12). Fission (or alternative but analogous processes) has been discussed more or less seriously for a long time [cf. Ringwood, 1975]. If such a process did occur, it is possible that the moon took with it more or less Sm or Nd than the chondritic proportions, leaving the earth with a perceptibly shifted Sm/Nd in relation to the chondrite average. It has in fact been suggested by Lawrence Nyquist and coworkers at the Johnson Space Center that the Sm/Nd of the moon is lower than chondritic [Nyquist et al., 1977]. If the earth's Sm/Nd were higher than chondritic by 5%–7%, it would, among other things, remove the necessity of a layered mantle as diagrammed in Figure 7. However, it would make the  $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}$  = 0 clustering of the continental flood basalts even more puzzling. These and other implications of a fission origin for the moon will have to be reckoned with in future Sm-Nd studies, although the burden of proof must fall to proponents of this theory, for the foreseeable future. To return to the original assertion, it should be noted that no substantial evidence presently exists to suggest that the earth's Sm/Nd is anything other than precisely that of the average chondrite.

The next decade will most probably see the Sm-Nd data base increase enormously as more laboratories begin to make measurements. With these data and an enhanced information exchange with earth scientists of other disciplines, there is reason to expect that the understanding of earth evolution will mature considerably. A word of caution

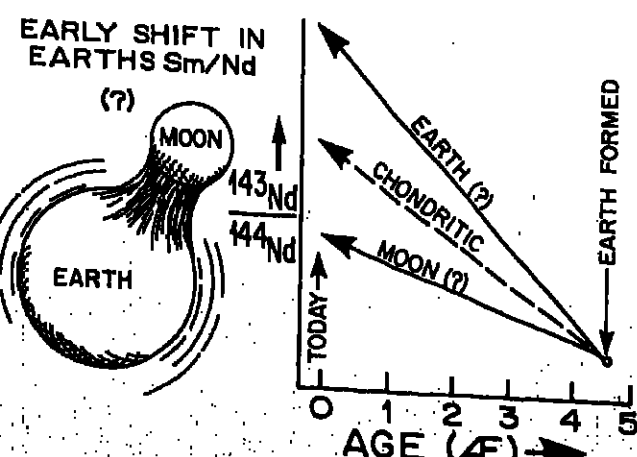
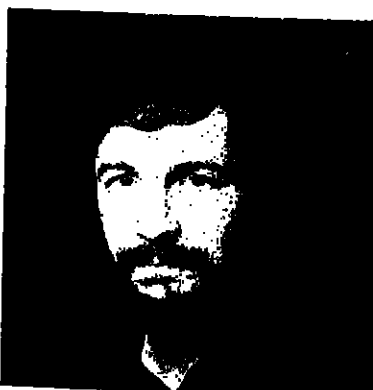


Fig. 12. Possible Nd isotopic effects caused by fission of the moon from the earth.

is also in order, however, as Nd isotopic measurements require a precision and accuracy that is at the limits of the capabilities of the best current instrumentation. It is, in fact, this necessity that prevented implementation of the method until the 1970's, when a new generation of mass spectrometers emerged [Wasserburg et al., 1969]. A proper combination of precise measurements and careful consideration of the data will be necessary. Thus far, too few labs have sufficiently demonstrated the accuracy of their determinations of  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  and Sm/Nd ratios. This fact, and the lack of interlaboratory comparisons via well-characterized standards, can leave even an expert at a loss when attempting to evaluate and compare data.

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## News

### Winter Snow Drought

The winter of 1980–81 can be best described as a 'snow drought'. Donald R. Wiesnet and Michael Matson of NOAA's National Earth Satellite Service, who have been monitoring snow cover by using satellite measurements, report that the December–February snow cover in North America averaged only 13.9 million square kilometers, which is four standard deviations below the 10-year mean (15.5 million km<sup>2</sup>). January 1981 snow cover (14.1 million km<sup>2</sup>) was the all-time lowest January since the satellite records began (1966). February, with only 14.2 million km<sup>2</sup>, was the lowest February of record. As a result, Wiesnet and Matson are estimating that the December–March total will also be the lowest of record.

Figures for Eurasia are also below average, but not as dramatically as those of North America. When added together, snow cover on both continental land masses is the lowest (40.6 million km<sup>2</sup>) it has been since 1970.

Many regions are dependent on snowmelt to sustain their water supplies throughout the year. Although the drought in the northeastern U.S. has abated in recent weeks because of rainfall, other areas dependent on snowmelt runoff will be forced to plan for a reduced seasonal supply.

This item was submitted by Don Wiesnet, who is a member of AGU's Snow and Ice Commission. ☐

### Ocean Objectives for the '80's

Seven goals and objectives for services to ocean operations in the coming decade are outlined in a recent report by a task group of the National Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmospheres (NACOA). The group also identified the principal driving forces expected to influence ocean use.

NACOA (Eos, February 24, p. 76) advises the President on ocean and atmospheric affairs. The Task Group on Services to Ocean Operations, chaired by Robert M. White at the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research, is one of six task forces established by NACOA to identify goals for ocean activities. The task group's recent report focuses solely on civilian programs.

The 'principal engines of change' singled out in the report are projected new ocean uses, shifting population growth to coasts, energy, fisheries, and science and technology. Among these are ocean thermal energy conversion (OTEC) and noxious waste disposal. These uses raise the need for assessment of possible environmental effects, the task group said. The big pushes for ocean use from science and technology, according to the report, come from satellite platforms, remote sensing, computer data banks, improved seabed geology studies, and ocean current studies. Also included in this category are advances in the National Climate Program, with implications for transportation, agriculture, and recreation.

In light of these driving forces, the task group outlined seven goals and objectives:

- **Ocean observation and prediction:** To implement a new ocean observation system by deploying advanced technology and by using the new information to predict in real time the state of the oceanic environment.
- **Navigation and positioning:** To realize an all-weather worldwide navigation system of high precision for resource exploration and development and for vessel traffic control.
- **Mapping and charting:** To improve the productivity, coverage, and responsiveness of present ocean mapping and charting programs.
- **Ocean data and information dissemination:** To establish a fast-response, technologically advanced, ocean environmental data archival and dissemination system to meet user needs.
- **Monitoring the ocean:** To design and implement a system for monitoring and assessing oceanic water quality and other parameters that affect ocean life and that are required for fishery and pollution management.
- **National ocean measurement capability:** To establish new measurement capabilities, including the development of submersible manned and unmanned vessels.
- **Improved Arctic and Antarctic Ocean Information:** To ensure the provision of ocean and atmospheric information sources necessary for support in the polar regions.

Some of the task group's recommendations are not possible in President Reagan's proposed fiscal 1982 budget, however. For example, the first goal calls for development of a national ocean satellite system. Reagan cut the National Oceanic Satellite System (NOSS) from the budget (Eos, March 24, p. 123). In addition, the goal of ocean data and information dissemination requires the establishment of information systems to tie into coastal zone management and sea grant programs; both of these programs have been eliminated from NOAA's budget.

But the task group asserted that it takes a long-term view of needs and recognizes that 'short-term fiscal constraints may require adjustments in the recommended program planning.'

Members of the task group are chairman White; D. James Baker, Jr., University of Washington; Werner A. Baum, Florida State University; William A. Radlinski, American Congress on Surveying and Mapping; Owen W. Siler, Manich International Corp.; Athelstan F. Spilhaus, University of Southern California; Sharon L. Stewart, Texas Deep Water Port Authority; Verne E. Suomi, University of Wisconsin; T. K. Treadwell, Texas A&M University; Don Walsh, University of Southern California; Warren M. Washington, National Center for Atmospheric Research; Elmer P. Whelan, ocean technology consultant.—BTR ☐

### Lightning Superbolts

A rare type of lightning bolt previously not thought to occur in flatlands has been identified in Oklahoma prairie storms and could pose a danger to structures not built to withstand it. Researchers at NOAA say the discovery could indicate that buildings or power plants designed on the assumption that such destructive bolts do not occur in flatland might not be safe. The positive charge cloud-to-ground flashes once were thought to strike only when triggered by a tall structure or mountain top, or, on rare occasions, at the end of a storm.

'Most storms never produce this kind of lightning. In a few storms, there may be one positive bolt, just as the storm is dissipating—sort of the last gasp of the storm,' according to David Rust of the National Severe Storms Laboratory. Rust added that the triggered bolts often are very high current, making them especially destructive. 'We know these bolts don't occur in garden variety storms. We are trying to find if the occurrence of this kind of lightning is linked with storm severity,' Rust said.—PMB ☐

### Decline in Tornado Death Rate Faces Test

Although records show a 3-year decline in tornado-related deaths, the trend could reverse between now and May, the peak tornado month. Therefore, NOAA and the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) are urging that the public be prepared to take the appropriate safety measures. 'It is vital that people not relax their vigilance against these destructive storms,' Richard E. Hallgren, director of the National Weather Service (NWS) said. 'If they do, we could witness an unwarranted number of casualties.'

Last year's 28 tornado-related deaths were the second lowest since records have been kept. There were 53 fatalities in 1978 and 84 in 1979. The 30-year average is 111. 'The low tornado death rate last year can be attributed, in part, to the occurrence of only five major killer tornados, compared to about 20 for an average year,' said Fred Ostby of NOAA.

'Other contributing factors include the tornado watch and warning programs, local spotter groups, and the tornado preparedness activities of the Federal Emergency Management Administration,' he added.

The most deadly 1980 tornados occurred at Grand Island, Neb., on June 3, when seven struck, killing five people and causing an estimated \$300 million in damage. Major storms also hit in Kansas, Iowa, Indiana, and Pennsylvania last year. Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma had fewer than normal because of drought and excessive heat.

Statistics on numbers of tornados and the resultant deaths can be traced back to 1916. Since that date and through the 1980 tornado season, there were 25,968 tornados throughout the United States, resulting in 11,301 deaths. The increasing numbers of tornados, listed by decade in the table, are not due to more occurrences but reflect better reporting procedures.—PMB

Decade	Tornados	Deaths	Total Property Losses
1916–1919	356	1,043	6.7*
1920–1929	1,325	1,169†	6.8
1930's	1,685	1,945	6.6
1940's	1,554	1,788	6.9
1950's	4,793	1,409	7.2
1960's	6,816	934	7.5
1970's	8,575	987	8.5
1980 year total	864	28	—
Annual Averages			
1916–1980	406	177	—
1960–1980	813	97	—
1950–1980	702	112	—
(30 year)			

\*Storm damage by category: 5—\$40,000 to \$500,000; 6—\$500,000 to \$5 million; 7—\$5 million to \$50 million; 8—\$50 million to \$500 million; 9—\$500 million and over.

†Includes most deadly tornado on record: March 18, 1925. This tornado killed 689 people, while sweeping a 220-mile path through southern Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana. ☐

### Gamma Ray Observatory Survives

Right now the budgetary position of NASA science projects for fiscal year 1982 is shaky, outside of the Space Shuttle Program. Two scientifically crucial missions being planned are the Gamma Ray Observatory (GRO) and the Venus Orbiting Imaging Radar (VOIR). President Reagan's proposed budgetary cuts have left both programs intact but delayed. For FY 1982, GRO will be able to continue at only 15% level—'about enough money to keep the papers shuffling,' according to a NASA official (Science News, Mar. 14, 1981). Nonetheless, the importance of planning the GRO mission, now scheduled for a launch date in 1988, has prompted the selection of instruments as follows:

Transient event monitor—which will detect the short, intense bursts of gamma rays of currently unknown origin and localize them with sufficient accuracy to determine their distribution in the galaxy.

High-energy gamma ray telescope—which will measure the energy spectrum and arrival directions of the highest-energy gamma rays that can be observed.

Imaging Compton telescope at medium energies.

Low-energy gamma ray spectrometer—which will search the lowest-energy gamma rays for spectral features, such as evidence of nucleosynthesis in supernovae.

Studies of gamma ray sources and gamma ray produc-

tion are at the very heart of understanding the dynamics and evolution of stars, galaxies, and the universe. Gamma rays are produced in the most powerful processes in the universe, and their high energies qualify them as the most direct probe we have of these processes. The gamma rays measured by the GRO begin at about 100,000-eV (100-keV) energy and continue up to several hundred million electron volts energy (100 MeV, or more).

Principal investigators for the four instruments are Gerald J. Fishman, Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Ala., for the transient event monitor; James D. Kurfess, Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D.C., for the low-energy detector; Carl Fichtel, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md., Robert Hofstadter, Stanford University, and Klaus Pinkau, Max-Planck-Institute, Munich, for the high-energy telescope; V. Schoenfelder, Max-Planck Institute, Munich, John A. Lockwood, University of New Hampshire, B. N. Swenberg, University of Leiden, the Netherlands, and B. G. Taylor, Space Science Department of European Space Agency, The Netherlands, for the medium-energy Compton telescope.

The predecessor spacecraft to the Gamma Ray Observatory are the High-Energy Astronomy Observatory 3, which looked at high-energy x rays and low-energy gamma rays, and the Small Astronomy Satellite 2 and the COS-B (a European satellite), which looked at high-energy gamma rays.

The Gamma Ray Observatory will be placed into a 400 km high, 28.5° inclined circular orbit. It is expected to provide information on gamma rays for 2 years. It will be one of the largest observatory satellites ever placed in orbit, weighing about 10,432 kg and measuring 7.6 m long and 3.8 m in diameter.—PMB ☐

### Columbia's First Shakedown Flight

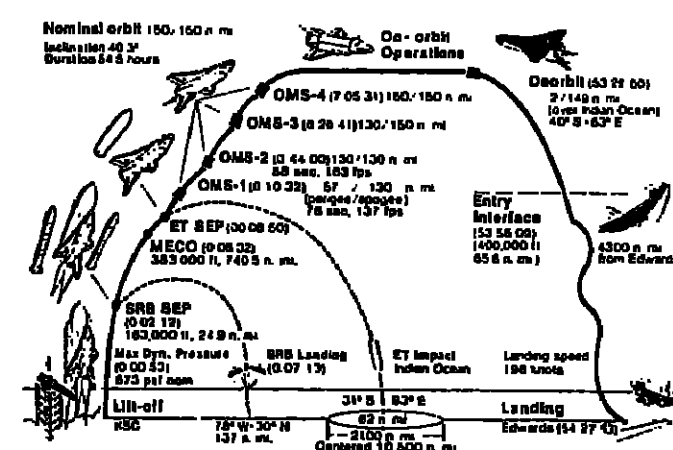
The space shuttle orbiter *Columbia*, first of the planned fleet of spacecraft in the nation's space transportation system, will liftoff on its first orbital shakedown flight on or about the 10th of April 1981. Launch will be from the NASA Kennedy Space Center Launch Complex 39A, no earlier than 45 minutes after sunrise. Crew for the first orbital flight will be John W. Young, commander, veteran of two Gemini and two Apollo space flights, and U.S. Navy Capt. Robert L. Crippen, pilot. Crippen has not flown in space.

*Columbia* will have no payloads in the payload bay on this first orbital flight, but it will carry instrumentation for measuring orbiter systems performance in space and during its glide through the atmosphere to a landing after 54½ hours.

Extensive testing of orbiter systems, including the space radiators and other heat rejection systems, fills most of the STS-1 mission timeline. The clamshell-like doors on *Columbia's* 4.6 by 18-m payload bay will be opened and closed twice during the flight for testing door actuators and latch mechanisms in the space environment.

Other tests will measure performance of maneuvering and attitude thrusters, the *Columbia's* computer array and avionics 'black boxes', and, during entry, silica-tile heat shield temperatures.

The first of four engineering test flights, STS-1 (see figure) will be launched into a 40.3° inclination orbit circularized first at 241 km and later boosted to 278 km. *Columbia*



will be used in these four test flights in proving the combined booster and orbiter combination before the Space Transportation System becomes operational with STS-5, now forecast for launch in September 1982.

After 'lower clear' the launch team in the Kennedy Space Center firing room will hand over STS-1 control to flight controllers in the Mission Control Center, Houston, for the remainder of the flight.

*Columbia's* two orbital maneuvering system hypergolic engines will fire at approximately 53½ hours over the Indian Ocean to bring the spacecraft to a landing on Rogers Dry Lake at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., an hour later. The approach to landing will cross the California coast near Big Sur at 42,870-m altitude, pass over Bakersfield and Mojave, and end with a sweeping 225° left turn onto final approach.

Young and Crippen will land *Columbia* manually on this first test flight. A microwave landing system on the ground will be the primary landing aid in subsequent flights, with optional manual takeover. Kennedy landing teams will remove the flight crew and 'safe' the orbiter after landing.

The first three test flights land on Rogers Dry Lake, the fourth on the main runway at Edwards Air Force Base, and STS-5 will land on the 4570-m concrete shuttle landing facility runway at Kennedy Space Center.

STS-1 will be the first manned flight using solid rocket boosters. Note that no previous U.S. space vehicle has been manned on its maiden flight. [Material from NASA].—PMB ☐



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**Volcanic Violence Varies Vista**

This recent photograph shows Mount St. Helens' crater about a year after the volcano came to life on March 27, 1980, following 123 years of quiet. The lava dome (the darkened, raised area in the photo's center) developed during the volcano's eruptions over the last several months. The dome now measures

150 m in height and is 610 m long. The upper part of the photo shows the steep walls of the 2-km by 3.2-km crater. Currently, the crater occupies the general area of the north face of the mountain, which bulged for months prior to the violent May 18 eruption. (Photo courtesy of the U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior) □

**Geophysicists**

James Andrews, marine geologist and geophysicist, has assumed the position of director of the Ocean Science and Technology Laboratory of the Naval Ocean Research and Development Activity (NORDA).

**Geophysical Events**

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**Volcanic Activity**

**Mount St. Helens Volcano, Cascade Range, southern Washington, USA (46.2°N, 122.18°W).** All times are local (GMT - 8 h). Mount St. Helens remained quiet as of March 10, as it has since the end of the lava extrusion episode of February 5-7. The February lava extrusion approximately doubled the volume of the composite dome in the crater, adding about  $5 \times 10^6$  m<sup>3</sup> of new material to the  $1.5 \times 10^6$  m<sup>3</sup> extruded October 18-19 and the  $3.5 \times 10^6$  m<sup>3</sup> extruded December 27-January 4. All of the preexisting dome, except for a portion of the December-January southeast lobe, was covered by the February lava. Between February 8 and 21, the February lobe spread 12 m while sagging 3 m, resulting in dimensions for the new lava of 281 m in E-W direction and 119 m in maximum height above the crater floor.

Low-frequency volcanic earthquakes associated with the February lava extrusion ended February 9. Occasional bursts of seismicity continued to be recorded. One such burst, on February 10 at 0915, coincided with the emission of a cloud of steam, containing a minor amount of ash, that rose to 4-km altitude. Field crews reported hearing a boom prior to this event. Some rock avalanche events were also recorded after dome emplacement ended. A magnitude 5.5 tectonic earthquake occurred late February 13 (early February 14 GMT; see earthquake table, p. 144) about 12 km north of Mount St. Helens. As of February 28, about 175 aftershocks greater than magnitude 1 had been recorded. Through the end of February, seismographs continued to record a few rock avalanche events and bursts of seismicity of the type that has sometimes been associated with steam explosions. Clouds prevented observations of the crater for much of February, but clear weather on the 28th revealed evidence of numerous minor steam explosions on the north side of the lava dome.

Geodetic measurements showed a few centimeters of horizontal contraction of the Mount St. Helens edifice between February 4 and March 5. No significant movement of the northern crater rampart occurred after the early February dome emplacement, nor has there been any measurable deformation of the crater floor during this period.

The following, from W. G. Melson, is based on microprobe analyses performed on the 1980-1981 Mount St. Helens eruptions.

The SiO<sub>2</sub> content of essential ejecta from Mt. St. Helens underwent a slight increase in the 7 August eruption, which peaked in the 17-19 October eruption but remained lower than for the 18 May tephra. This temporarily reversed a prior trend toward more basic compositions, which resumed with the December-January and February dome enlargements. CaO, FeO, and MgO show an inverse relationship to SiO<sub>2</sub> (Figure 1), an expected relationship in a 'normal' fractionation sequence.

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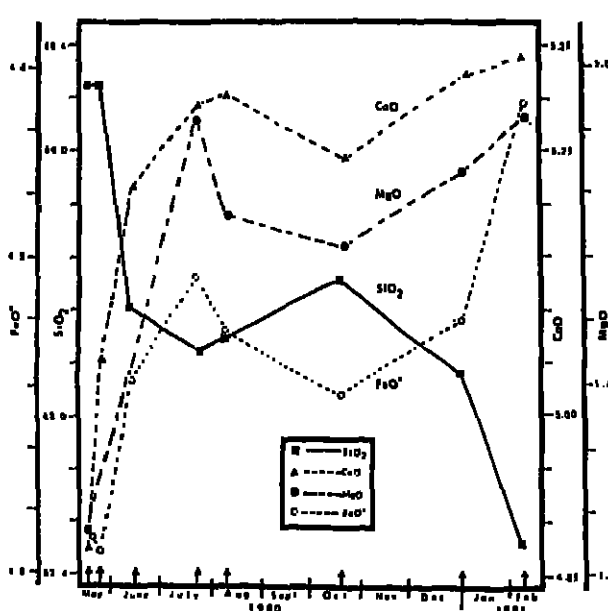


Fig. 1. Change of SiO<sub>2</sub>, CaO, FeO, and MgO as a function of time of eruption. The analyses are by electron microprobe analyses of fused powders, performed at the Smithsonian Institution, Division of Petrology and Volcanology, by W. G. Melson, J. Nelen, and T. O'Hearn. Each analysis is the average of the following number of individual analyses of essential ejecta: May 18, 8; May 25, 11; June 12, 9; July 22, 7; Aug. 7, 10; Oct. 17-18, 11; Dec-Jan. dome enlargement, 6; Feb. dome enlargement, 1 (sample from D. A. Swanson, U.S. Geological Survey). Analytical precision for each analysis is about a 2 σ of: SiO<sub>2</sub> = 0.62, FeO (all Fe as FeO) = 0.43, MgO = 0.33, CaO = 0.17.

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**Piton de la Fournaise Volcano, Réunion Island, Indian Ocean (21.23°S, 55.71°E).** All times are local (GMT + 4 h). A fissure eruption started February 3 on the north side of the updomed summit region that surrounds Bory and Dolémeu craters (see Figure 2). Lava extrusion from this area

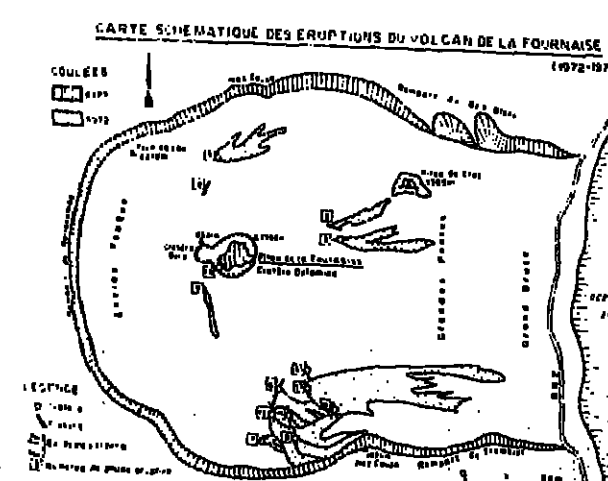


Fig. 2. Map of the caldera of Piton de la Fournaise (from Kraft, M., and Gersten, A., *L'activité de Piton de la Fournaise* entre Octobre 1972 et mai 1973, *C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris, Ser. D*, 284, 607-610, 1977).

continued until February 25. After about 13 hours of seismicity, fissures opened on the southwest side of the summit area and began to eject lava. The eruption was continuing as of March 3.

**Activity north of the summit, February 6-25:** During the first few days of the eruption, lava was extruded from a series of radial fissures in the northern summit region. By February 6, lava fountaining was confined to a spatter cone at 2350-m altitude at the lower end of a fissure that opened February 4. Lava flows emerged from one or two vents about 300-m downslope from the active spatter cone and moved about 1.3 km to the east (see Figure 2). Fountaining was most intense February 10 (30 m high) and February 18 (100 m high). About February 19, a small lava lake formed inside the active cone. Lava fountains rose a few meters above the lake surface. A 2-m-diameter vent high on the cone emitted blue and yellow flames 3-4 m high. The spatter cone partially collapsed February 20. Lava overflowing the collapsed area formed a front 100 m wide.

Fountaining and extrusion of lava flows began a rapid decline on February 23 and stopped on the 25th. Several million cubic meters of lava were extruded during the activity February 3-25.

**Activity southwest of the summit, beginning February 26:** Seismographs at Réunion's volcano observatory began to record a series of small (about magnitude 1) local earthquakes around midnight on the night of February 26-28. Earthquakes became increasingly frequent that morning and by 1230 were occurring once every 15 s under the summit's Bory Crater. Harmonic tremor started at 1300, and the beginning of eruptive activity was observed at 1308. Two minutes later, a large black cloud rose to 2 km height. Two en-echelon radial fissures, trending N74°E, opened on the southwest side of the updomed summit region. The upper fissure, 200-300 m long, extended from 2400-m to 2250-m altitude. The lower fissure, offset about 100 m from the base of the upper fissure, extended about 100 m farther downslope. Lava fountains rose to 15-m height from the entire length of the upper fissure, while fountains from the lower fissure were 50-80 m high. After half an hour, lava from the two fissures had merged into a single aa flow 2 km long that spread onto the caldera floor and moved toward the south caldera wall (Figure 2). Mid-term outflow rates from the two fissures were about 300 m<sup>3</sup>/s (about  $1 \times 10^6$  m<sup>3</sup>/h), much higher than at any time during the northern summit region activity earlier in the month. The lava was an aphyric basalt, as was the February 3-25 material. By about 1800, lava fountaining along the upper fissure was concentrated at its lower end, where a cone was growing. Seismicity ended within a few hours of the start of eruptive activity on February 26, a pattern similar to that observed at the beginning of the eruption February 3.

Lava fountaining along the entire lower fissure continued until 0200 on February 27, then was limited to the middle of this fissure, where a cone formed. The rate of lava outflow declined to 80 m<sup>3</sup>/s by the morning of the 27th and 10 m<sup>3</sup>/s the following day. Fountaining from the upper fissure stopped February 28 but continued from the lower fissure, building a 15-m-high spatter cone. Two other spatter cones formed along the lower fissure March 1, with activity concentrating at one of these, also about 15 m high, on March 2. The rate of lava production remained at about 10 m<sup>3</sup>/s as of March 2, feeding a slow-moving lava flow that was incandescent for the upper 1.5 km of its length.

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**Krafla Caldera, Mývatn Area, Iceland (65.71°N, 16.75°W).** All times are GMT. The following is a report from Karl Grönvold and Páll Einarsson.

An eruption started in the Krafla fissure swarm shortly after 1400 on 30 January. The early and main parts of the eruption are described in last month's *Bulletin*.

The initial vigorous phase lasted from the first day until the early morning of 31 January. Then activity began to decrease, with shortening of the crater row, which initially extended 2 km and then decreasing activity in the craters and declining lava production.

The final activity in the craters died out just after 1400 on 4 February. During the eruption, slow deflation over the Krafla magma reservoirs, 8-9 km to the S, was observed, but inflation started again at about the same time as the eruption ceased. The lava covered 6.3 km<sup>2</sup> and appeared to be similar in volume to the two previous eruptions in July and October 1980.

Considerable movement of faults extending about 1 km N of the main lava (about 8 km N of the craters) was observed. Large volumes of steam emitted from these faults suggest that lava again forced its way down into the faults and then northward. Renewed earthquake activity in this region on 1 February was possibly associated with this fault movement.

By early March the inflation of the magma reservoirs had regained over half of the deflation that accompanied the eruption. Experience indicates that previous ground levels will be reached about the end of March to early April.

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**Etna Volcano, Sicily, Italy (37.73°N, 15.00°E).** The Istituto Internazionale di Vulcanologia reports explosions and extrusion of lava from Etna's northeast crater. After a period of ash emission at the end of January and the beginning

of February, stronger activity began with intense explosions the evening of February 5. Lava flowed through a breach in the west-to-northwest side of the northeast crater cone. It formed three lobes that moved west, northwest, and north and covered the upper northeast slope of the volcano. The northern lobe, the largest, traveled about 2 km to about 2800-m elevation, where it had a 1.2-km front. The eruptive activity stopped the evening of February 7.

Eruptions occurred at the northeast crater in 1975 and 1977-1978. Explosions and extrusion of lava were most recently observed there in September 1980.

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**Mt. Erebus Volcano, Ross Island, Antarctica (77.58°S, 167.17°E).** The following is a report from Philip Kyle.

The summit crater of Mt. Erebus was visited by Japanese, New Zealand, and U.S. scientists during late December and early January. A 1-day visit was also made in November. The anorthoclase phonolite lava lake (first observed in 1972) was still present, although its level may have been slightly lower than that observed over the last 2 years. The 120-m-long oval-shaped lava lake still shows a simple convection pattern with lava apparently welling up from two centers about a third of the way from each end.

Small strombolian eruptions continued at a frequency of between two and six per day. The noise associated with the eruptions consisted of a long drawn-out roar. This contrasted with the strong explosive eruptions heard in previous years. Although no eruptions were witnessed they are believed to occur from the small vent called the Active Vent, which is adjacent to the lava lake. Very few bombs were found on the main crater rim during December, but in January there were a few sharper explosive eruptions and these ejected material onto the rim.

The three nations mentioned above commenced a new project and installed three permanent seismometers on the mountain. The seismometers have radio-telemetry links with Scott Base (the New Zealand research station on Ross Island). Two seismometer stations are on the W flank of the volcano at altitudes of between 1500 and 1900 m about 5 km from the crater rim. It is anticipated that these stations will run until April, when darkness sets in. The stations should be reactivated in October, when new batteries will be installed and the solar panels will function. The third station is at the summit of Mt. Erebus, and has its batteries buried in warm ground. It is hoped that it will operate all year round. The summit station is also transmitting the output from an acoustic sensor (a microphone which monitors the sounds of volcanic eruptions) and a large wire loop around the crater, which monitors induced currents. A fourth permanent seismic station will be installed in December 1981.

Preliminary observations from the seismic network, which can detect events with magnitudes less than 1, indicate a surprisingly high level of microearthquake activity, with up to 10 events per day. Some of these are apparently tectonic earthquakes occurring some distance from Mt. Erebus. Antarctica has been considered aseismic, but this is apparently not the case, at least not for microearthquakes with magnitudes less than 3.

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**Merapi Volcano, Java, Indonesia (7.54°S, 110.44°E).** The lava dome that began to emerge at the summit of Merapi in 1979 was still growing in February and had reached an altitude of 2947 m. Lava fragments from the east and central part of the cone had moved 2.0 km toward the Batang River and 250-500 m farther in December. Personnel at the Ngopos Observatory have counted 34 larger and 468 smaller lava avalanches in recent months. [The time interval was not reported.] Nuées ardentes de avalanches occurred in November and December but were confined to the summit area of Merapi. Two Minakami A-type earthquakes, the first in several months, were

recently recorded by the seismograph at the Babadan Observatory. No important lahars have occurred along the Pulih, Babeng, and Krasak rivers since the beginning of this year's rainy season.

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**Paluweh (Rokatenda) Volcano, Lesser Sunda Islands, Indonesia (8.32°S, 121.71°E).** All times are local (GMT + 8 h). The Volcanological Survey of Indonesia provided further details about the intermittent explosive activity that began on November 5 and continued through the end of January. The 40-m-diameter crater mentioned in last month's *Bulletin* was formed during one of the early November eruptions and is situated on the north northeast upper part of the volcano. Bombs from the 1-km-high eruption column on November 8 measured up to 60 cm in diameter. Beginning January 18, renewed activity was reported. A hot air wave was felt by the inhabitants of two east flank villages. About 1850 persons were evacuated from the danger zone. After the explosions on January 31 a new lava dome was observed in the crater. Activity declined gradually, and the volcano appeared to be normal again on February 1 at 1200. No casualties from Paluweh's November-January activity were reported.

Information contact: Same as for Merapi.

**Semeru Volcano, Java, Indonesia (8.11°S, 112.92°E).** Ash emission continued at an average rate of once every 56 min in November and December. Ash columns typically rose 500-700 m above the crater rim. Some clouds were less ash-rich, as indicated by a grayish color. Incandescent lava fragments were sometimes visible at night. Strombolian-type eruptions have accompanied the formation of the lava dome since extrusion began in 1967.

Lava avalanches from the dome have usually been contained at about 3-km altitude on the south flank of the volcano in the upper reaches of the Kembang River, but one traveled farther down the river valley in early December. In advance of this year's monsoon rains the Volcanological Survey of Indonesia has alerted local authorities to the south and southeast of the danger of lahars along the Kembang, Kobokan, Relaji, Sat, and Gidlik rivers.

Information contact: Same as for Merapi.

**Pacaya Volcano, southern Guatemala (14.38°N, 90.60°W).** Pacaya displayed weak strombolian activity during a visit by Michigan Technological University geologists on February 14. This is the first strombolian activity observed at Pacaya since 1975. Gas emissions have characterized the activity since late 1977.

Lava was fountaining to 200 m at 10-s to 1-min intervals from two coalesced spatter vents in the center of MacKenney Crater, high on the west northwest flank. Four subsidiary vents, two north of the spatter vents and two west of them (in the direction of the volcano summit), also ejected lava. New pillow-like lava flows, some of which were moving, had filled the northern half of the crater floor to the rim. The fountaining was interspersed with intense, pulsating gas emission from the spatter vents.

By February 20, when Robert Hodder climbed Pacaya, one lava flow had traveled a quarter of the way (about 200 m) down the north flank of MacKenney Crater cone, over one of the September 1980 flows. Within the crater, cracks and pressure ridges in the lava crust indicated continued lava movement. Strombolian activity was occurring at about 30-min intervals. Patches of sublimates were visible on the southeast crater wall.

During a second climb on February 28, Hodder observed that as lava had flowed about 750 m from the crater rim to the base of MacKenney Crater cone, into the trough between it and the rim of the older Pacaya edifice. The level of lava in the crater had risen. The two vents observed on February 14 had totally coalesced and had built cones about 15 m high. The lava crust seemed solid, but incandescence showed through surface cracks at night. Strombolian activity occurred about every 20 min. Large cinder bombs, hurled as high as 100 m, fell onto the cones and the lava crust. Bomb ejection was sometimes preceded by a puff of steam cloud at least 300 m high. Sublimates solidly coated the southeast crater wall. Hodder noted that this eruption seemed similar to that of 1980.

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**Santaguito Dome, western Guatemala (14.76°N, 91.55°W).** All times are local (GMT - 6 h). Three geologists from Michigan Technological University spent February 12 on Santaguito Dome, a dacite complex which has been growing on the southwest flank of Santa María Volcano since 1922. At 1410 an explosion at Caliente Vent (at the east end of the dome) sent up a 400-m-high vertical column of fine ash. It was the only explosion in 8 hours' observation, but two increases in the vent's vapor plume indicated additional gas emissions during that time. The vent was more active late last year when other geologists visited it.

Large dust clouds in the early morning suggested that avalanching was continuing down the southeast slope of the dome. Fine ash coating the leaves and the ground was notable in the area northwest of the volcano.

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**Arenal Volcano, western Costa Rica (10.48°N, 84.72°W).** The following information is from Jorge Barquero Hernández. The vent located at 1450-m altitude at the western end of

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the elliptical summit crater area continued to emit block lava and vapor. The lava flow that began to descend the northwest flank in early July had reached 1100 m by November and continued to advance. Two other flows that had been active in July on the southwest and west flanks had stopped advancing by November. A newer flow, the 34th since nearly continuous extrusion of lava began in 1968, descended the west flank to 1300-m altitude, where it bifurcated into lobes moving west and northwest over the channels of older flows. The front of the west lobe was at 800-m altitude on November 11, and the other (NW) lobe had reached 1200-m altitude by November 12. A new velocity of 1.5 km/h was measured on blocks in the central flow channel on the upper west flank.

The vapor emissions observed between August 15 and 20 were a little more voluminous than normal. They included small quantities of ash and were accompanied by rumblings. The constant noise from the violently escaping gases was occasionally loud enough to be heard in nearby villages. Vegetation on the upper part of the volcano's eastern flank had been burned by the effects of the vapor eruptions. The loss of vegetation had noticeably augmented fluvial erosion.

In a separate communication, Jorge Umaña reports that as of early February Arenal continued to emit lava and vapor from the summit area. The gases had a high chlorine content.

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**Poás Volcano, northwest of San José, Costa Rica (10.18°N, 84.22°W).** All times are local (GMT - 6 h). Fumarolic activity continued at Poás during August and early September. Sulfurous vapors emitted under pressure from the north wall of the dome in the crater lake rose noisily in an almost continuous column about 200 m high. The lake color was turquoise green. Temperatures registered 40° C in the north part of the lake, 45° C in the south part near the dome, and 70-80° C in accessible fumaroles on the dome.

On September 11 at 0950 an explosion from the southern part of the lake (near the dome) produced a 250-m-high column of lakewater laden with ash, sand, and small blocks rich in mineralized sulfur. The ejecta fell back into the lake and onto the eastern shore, where they covered an area of 50 m<sup>2</sup>. A landslide that originated from the northwest part of the dome, the area of the greatest fumarole activity, deposited debris in the lake and changed the morphology of the eastern sector of the crater.

The initial activity was followed by similar explosions throughout September and October. Scientists at the Institute had predicted resumption of phreatic activity from the thermal behavior of the lake, which had been similar to the pattern observed before previous such eruptions. Temperatures declined slightly in October, to 40° C in the northeast part of the lake from 48° C in September, and to 45° C in the southeast sector (near the September explosion site) from 60° C in September. Temperatures of the accessible fumaroles on the dome continued to oscillate between 70° and 80° C in September and October.

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**Kavachi Volcano, Solomon Islands, southeast Pacific (9.03°S, 167.93°E).** All times are local (GMT + 11 h). Submarine activity at Kavachi has been observed since early October. On November 11 at 1215 a Solair flight diverged from its normal route to observe the volcano. Drs. Hughes and Dunkley of the Geological Division, Ministry of Natural Resources, report that a dense, nearly verti-

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cal steam jet billowed to approximately 300 m but dissipated as the plane approached. The eruption site was marked by white water, and a stream of muddy, turbid, pale-brown water extended several kilometers northeast from the volcano. On December 3, Dunkley observed an area of discolored water several hundred meters wide extending northwest (down current) about 4 km. No eruption was in progress.

Kavachi's last eruption in June-July 1978 produced a small, ephemeral island, its eighth island-forming eruption since 1850.

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**Sakurazima Volcano, Kyushu, Japan (31.58°N, 130.65°E).** After an active month in January, when 18 explosions from Sakurazima were recorded, only five explosions were detected in February (see table). The highest February ash cloud rose 1.2 km on the 21st. The February explosions caused no damage.

Explosions at Sakurazima, February 1981					
Date	6	9	17	22	28
Number of explosions:	1	1	1	1	5

Information contact: Seismological Division, Japan Meteorological Agency, 1-3-4 Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100, Japan.

**Tarumai Volcano, Hokkaido, Japan (42.68°N, 141.39°E).** In February, 1121 seismic events were recorded at Tarumai (see Figure 3), the most in any month since 1967, when the Japan Meteorological Agency began routine measurements at the volcano. Seismicity has irregularly but gradually increased in the past 14 years (see Figure 4). Tarumai last erupted December 1978-May 1979, but no eruption has occurred during the current increase in seismicity.

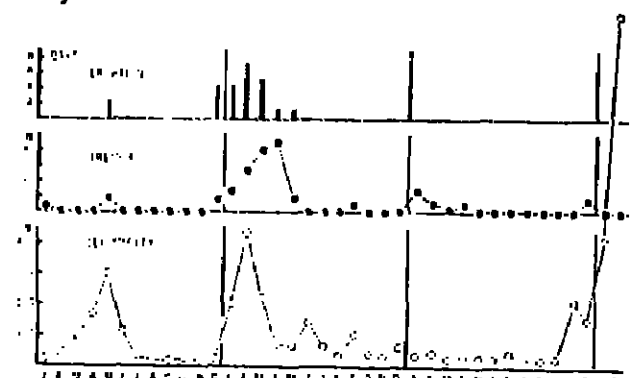


Fig. 3. Monthly numbers of days in which occurred: eruptions (top); harmonic tremor events (center); and recorded earthquakes (bottom) at Tarumai, January 1978-February 1981.

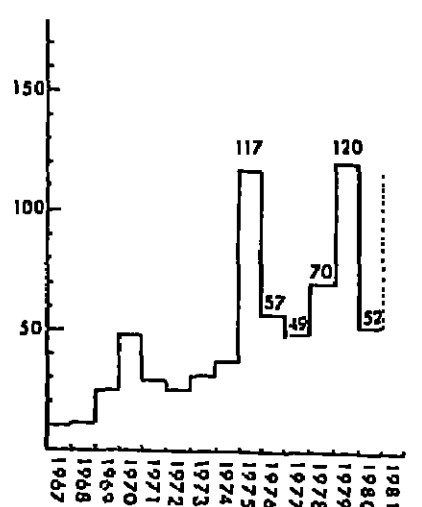


Fig. 4. Yearly means of monthly seismicity, 1967-1980.

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#### Earthquakes

TABLE 1. Summary of Earthquake Occurrences									
Date	Time, GMT	Magnitude	Latitude	Longitude	Depth	Region	Observer	Location	Remarks
Feb. 1	1320	5.4 $M_L$	36.45°N	1.66°E	10 km	Northern Algeria			
Feb. 14	0609	5.5 $M_L$	48.35°N	122.23°E	7.3 km	12 km north of Mt. St. Helens			
Feb. 14	1728	4.6 $M_L$	41.05°N	14.70°E	10 km	Southern Italy			
Feb. 17	1519	6.8 $M_L$	21.60°S	189.35°E	shallow	Loyalty Islands region, South Pacific			
Feb. 24	2054	6.7 $M_L$	38.21°N	23.02°E	shallow	Greece			
Feb. 25	0238	6.4 $M_L$	38.15°N	23.15°E	shallow	Greece			
Mar. 4	2158	6.5 $M_L$	38.31°N	23.43°E	shallow	Greece			

The February 1 event caused the collapse of several buildings damaged by seismicity in the El Anam area, where earthquakes on October 10 killed thousands and left about 400,000 homeless. Eight people died of heart attacks triggered by the Italy earthquake, which occurred near the epicenter of the devastating November 23 shock that killed

several thousand persons. There were no reports of casualties or damage from the Loyalty Islands event. The Greek earthquakes killed 21 people and injured 400, while causing considerable damage in the Athens and Corinth areas. Numerous smaller shocks occurred between the three events listed above.

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Steven Malone, Christina Boyko, Elliot Endo, and Craig Weaver, Graduate Program in Geophysics, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington 98195.

#### Fireballs

**Austria, January 28, 225819 GMT.** The following is a report from Zdeněk Ceplecha.

A fireball of -8 absolute magnitude was photographed by three Czech stations of the European network. The fireball traveled a 41-km luminous trajectory in 1.8 s. The following results are based on all available photographs from rather distant stations (210 to 290 km from the trajectory).

	Beginning	Maximum Light	Terminal
Velocity, km/s	28.4	27.4	6
Height, km	72.7	59.9	38.3
Latitude	47.234°N	47.30°N	47.424°N
Longitude	15.147°E	15.11°E	15.044°E
Magnitude	-3.5	-8.1	-3.5
Mass, kg	0.9	0.8	none
Z R	33.3°	—	33.5°

Fireball type: I  
Meteorite fall very improbable.

	Observed	Geocentric	Heliocentric
Radiant, 1950.0	138.8°	138.5°	—
Alpha	15.4°	14.1°	—
Delta	—	—	82.8°
Lambda	—	—	-1.3°
Beta	—	—	-1.3°
Initial Velocity, km/s	28.7	26.4	37.1

Orbit, 1950.0

	Observed	Geocentric	Heliocentric
A	2.08 AU	—	—
E	0.793	—	—
Q	0.430 AU	—	—
Aphelion	3.7 AU	—	—
Omega	105.8°	—	—
Ascending node	129.61°	—	—
Inclination	1.8°	—	—

Meteor Shower: A bright member of Psi Leonids not excluded.

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**Labrador Sea, December 31, 1980, 0132 GMT.**

Observers: Capt. Schoune, F/O Van Themsche of Sabena Flight 568 (Chicago-Brussels).

Location: 55.62°N, 44.85°W, aircraft course 110° magnetic, altitude 11.1 km.

First sighting: 20° magnetic, 20° above the horizon. Last sighting: 0° magnetic, at the horizon.

Duration: 1/2 s. Brightness: As bright as the full moon.

Color: white. Information contact: Same as for West Germany.

**Gulf of Thailand, January 11, 1228 GMT.**

Observers: Capt. De Montblanc, F/O Lagrain, F/E Goossens of Sabena flight 272 (Kuala Lumpur-Bangkok).

Location: 8.2°N, 100.38°E, aircraft course 006° magnetic, altitude 10.5 km.

First sighting: 30° magnetic, 30° above the horizon. Last sighting: 90° magnetic, at the horizon.

Duration: 5 s. Brightness: As bright as the full moon.

The object had a round, white-blue head and a very long, straight, brilliant yellow tail.

Information contact: Same as for West Germany.

**West Germany, January 30, 1717 GMT.**

Observer: Capt. Luebbert of Lufthansa flight LH 948 (Hamburg-Stuttgart).

**Southern Europe, November 11, 1980, 1736 GMT.**

Maurizio Eliri provided the following additional observations of this fireball from Italy, supplementing the report on pp. 12-13 of *SEAN Bulletin*, 5(11).

Observer	Location	Trajectory	Duration	Magnitude	Color	Size/Shape	Trail
Bruno Penso	Lido, Italy (45.4°N, 12.4°E)	NNE to SSW	—	-10	Blue-White	—	Did not persist
Luigi Baldinelli	Bologna, Italy (44.5°N, 11.3°E)	From RA 1 h 50 min, decl. +47° to RA 19 h 45 min, decl. +3° SSE to SW	6-7 s	-15	—	Diameter of the moon	Persistent for 15 min, possible final flare
Ferruccio Castelli	Pegli, Italy (44.38°N, 6.82°E)	NE sky to SW horizon, passed 3° east of zeta Cygnus	—	-10 to -12	White-blue with green-red halo	35-min diameter, droplike form	—
Luciano Tesi	St. Marcello Pistoiese, Italy (44.05°N, 10.78°E)	From zenith to Sagittarius toward moon, near Vega in cygnus	5 s	-10 to -11	Blue-green	—	—
P. Fappardue	Viterbo, Italy (42.40°N, 12.10°E)	From 60° altitude NNE to SW horizon	10 s	-17.5	Orange; fragmentation with some parts becoming white, mag -1	Diameter of the moon (30 min)	Persistent for 2-3 s
Nepi, Italy (42.23°N, 12.35°E)	—	NE sky to W horizon	—	-13	—	—	—
Rome, Italy (41.8°N, 12.5°E)	—	NE sky to W horizon	3 s	-15	Central part white	—	Irregular over 20°-30° red-green color

None of the observers reported any sounds.

Location: 20 km south of Leine (just north of Kessel), aircraft course 180° magnetic, altitude 10 km.

First sighting: 170° magnetic, 40° above the horizon. Last sighting: 195° magnetic, 8° above the horizon.

Duration: 2 s. Apparent brightness: As bright as the full moon.

The circular white object moved very slowly. No disintegration was observed before it disappeared.

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**Northern Italy, August 13, 1980, 0200 GMT.**

Observers: Silvano Ghedini, Luigi Baldinelli, and Andrea Ferri.

Location: Bologna, Italy (44.5°N, 11.33°E).

First sighting: right ascension 2 h 30 min, declination +80°.

Last sighting: right ascension 18 h 00 min, declination +75°.

Magnitude: -15. Color: green.

Train: persistent. Information contact: Same as for southern Europe.

**Austria, January 29, 182530 GMT.** The following is a report from Zdeněk Ceplecha.

A very slow-moving fireball of -9 maximum absolute magnitude was photographed by two Czech stations of the European network. The fireball traveled a 54-km luminous trajectory in 5.1 s. The time of the fireball passage depends on three visual observations in Austria reported to us by Dr. G. Polnitzky. The following results are based on the two photographic records.

	Beginning	Maximum Light	Terminal
Velocity, km/s	11.58	11.10	6.88
Height, km	67.0	48.1	32.6
Latitude	48.333°N	48.38°N	48.417°N
Longitude	14.44°E	14.74°E	14.981°E
Magnitude	-2.3	-9.9	-2.7
Mass, kg	20	15	1.0
Z R	50.4°	—	50.8°

Time, s	Height, km	Velocity, km/s	Deceleration, km/s <sup>2</sup>	Dynamic Mass, kg	Photometric Mass, kg
0.0	63.79	11.536	-0.067	20.1	20.4
1.0	56.47	11.429	-0.162	18.9	19.0
2.0	49.28	11.168	-0.392	16.5	15.7
3.0	42.38	10.540	-0.946	13.5	8.8
4.0	36.10	9.021	-2.29	5.9	4.7
4.5	33.45	7.59	-3.55	1.9	1.7
4.684	32.61	6.88	-4.18	1.0	(1.0)

Assumed density of the meteoroid: 2.2 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. Dynamic and photometric masses are in excellent agreement. A meteorite fall of about 1-kg mass is quite certain.

Predicted impact area: 48.4278°N ± 0.0040, 15.1320°E ± 0.0105 (near Traunstein, Austria).

Fireball type: II  
Predicted meteorite type: carbonaceous chondrite.

The activities in the search area will be organized by Gerhard Polnitzky, University Observatory, Vienna (see information contact, Labrador Bay Fireball for address).

	Observed	Geocentric	Heliocentric
Radiant, 1950.0	5.9°	346.7°	—
Alpha	20.8°	0.3°	—
Delta	—	—	33.48°
Lambda	—	—	0.68°
Beta	—	—	32.80°
Initial Velocity, km/s	11.61	4.01	—
Orbit, 1950.0	—	—	—
A	1.234 AU	—	—
E	0.225	—	—
Q	0.9581 AU	—	—
Aphelion	1.512 AU	—	—
Omega	147.4°	—	—
Ascending Node	308.11°	—	—
Inclination	0.68°	—	—

Information contact: Same as above.

Information contact: Maurizio Eliri, Sezione Meteore, Unione Astrofili Italiani, Via Marcantonio Bragadin No. 2, 30128 Lido, Venezia, Italy.

**Western Czechoslovakia, January 30, 223230 GMT.** The following is a report from Zdeněk Ceplecha.

A fireball of -8 maximum absolute magnitude was photographed by two Czech stations of the European network. The fireball traveled a 34-km luminous trajectory in 2.4 s. The following data resulted from the two photographic records.

	Beginning	Maximum Light	Terminal
Velocity, km/s	16.2	14.9	6.3
Height, km	69.3	46.4	37.2
Latitude	50.312°N	50.24°N	50.212°N
Longitude	16.328°E	16.28°E	16.258°E
Magnitude	-2.7	-8.0	-2.3
Mass, kg	2.1	1.0	None
Z R	20.8°	—	20.5°

Fireball type: II  
Meteorite fall very improbable.

	Observed	Geocentric	Heliocentric
Radiant, 1950.0	148.7°	150.1°	—
Alpha	67.9°	70.8°	—
Delta	—	—	52.4°
Lambda	—	—	16.3°
Beta	—	—	33.75°
Initial Velocity, km/s	16.28	11.81	—
Orbit, 1950.0	—	—	—
A	1.341 AU	—	—
E	0.327	—	—
Q	0.903 AU	—	—
Aphelion	1.78 AU	—	—
Omega	228.6°	—	—
Ascending Node	310.532°	—	—
Inclination	16.6°	—	—

Meteor Shower: Early member of Camelopardalids not quite excluded.

Information contact: Same as for Austria.

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Thomas W. ANZIA (senior) A Comprehensive Table of Standard Deviates for Confidence Limits on Extreme Events  
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Jim HYRE (M.S.) Experimental Investigation of Ponding Time and Soil Water Content Evolution  
Andres CARDENAS (M.S.) A Conceptual Model for Predicting Monthly Streamflows

#### Session 3 Professional Papers 10:30-12:00

Comparison between Overland Flow Model and Experimental Data, D. D. Adrian and C. J. Martel  
Livestock Grazing Management and Nonpoint Source Water Quality Assessment, Eric B. Jones

Rainfall Simulation to Determine Grazing Management Effects on Upland Hydrology, P. L. Gustafson, P. J. Julianer and E. B. Jones  
LUNCHEON: Speaker, Dr. Jeris A. Danielson

**Session 4 Professional Papers 1:15-5:00**  
Repeat Measure Analysis of Variance of Rainfall Simulation Hydrologic Response, S. D. Hudson, P. L. Gustafson and E. B. Jones  
Work of Water and Power Resources Service in the Application of Remote Sensing to Water Resources Investigations, Jim Verdin  
Multivariate Models of Residential Water Demand: A Case Study of Denver, Colorado and Its Metropolitan Area, Chae Jones and John Morris

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PROPOSED SESSIONS OF THE 20th IAGLR SYMPOSIUM											
Session Number	10 (Monday)		11 (Tuesday)		12 (Wednesday)		13 (Thursday)		14 (Friday)		Session Number
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
General Session	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	General Session
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Special Session	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150	Special Session
	151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160	
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## 1981 AGU Spring Meeting

Baltimore, the site of the AGU Spring Meeting, May 25-29, is enjoying a major urban renaissance. Nowhere is this more apparent than in Metro Center, the 1000-acre downtown core of Baltimore. The convention center, an ultramodern meeting facility, is only a short walk from Harbor Place. Harbor Place is a skylit, terraced conglomeration of more than 20 waterfront restaurants and over 100 boutiques.

**Hotel Accommodation.** A block of rooms is being held at three nearby hotels: the Baltimore Hilton, the Lord Baltimore, and the Holiday Inn-Downtown. The Lord Baltimore and the Hilton are connected by a covered walkway. Read the housing application and MAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM TO THE HOUSING BUREAU early to insure confirmation of preferred hotel.

**Registration.** Everyone who attends the meeting must register. Preregistration (received by May 8) saves you time and money, and the fee will be refunded if AGU receives written notice of inability to attend by May 15. Registration rates are as follows:

	Preregistration	At Meeting (after 5/8)
Member	\$45	\$80
Student Member	\$25	\$40
Nonmember	\$65	\$85

Registration for 1 day only is available at one half the above rates. Members of the American Meteorological Society, the American Society of Photogrammetry, and the

American Congress on Surveying and Mapping may register for the meeting at the AGU member rates.

Students who are not AGU members should send in an application form with their registration payment. The difference between member (or student member) registration and nonmember registration may be applied to AGU dues if a completed membership application is received at AGU by August 3, 1981. Current AGU annual membership rates are: \$20 members; \$7 student members.

To preregister, fill out the registration form, and return it with your payment to the AGU Office. When payment is made by an organization, please attach the form wherever possible; or be certain that your name and other pertinent information is on the check. Your receipt will be included with your preregistration material at the meeting. Preregistrants should pick up their registration material at the preregistration desk at the Convention Center. (On Sunday, from 5-8 P.M. in the lobby of the Hilton hotel).

The program and meeting abstracts will appear in the April 28 issue of *Eos*, which is mailed to all members in advance of the meeting.

Complimentary badges for guests not attending the scientific sessions will be available at the registration desk.

## Social Events

An array of evening activities includes the Ice Breaker on Monday; the awards presentation honoring fellow scientists at a ceremony open to all participants, followed by a reception, on Tuesday; and an evening of fun and exploration on Thursday at the Maryland Science Center.

## Business Luncheons

There will be eight section luncheons: Geodesy, Geomagnetism and Paleomagnetism, Hydrology, Oceanography, Planetology, Seismology, Solar-Planetary Relationships, and Volcanology, Geochemistry and Petrology. (Space is limited.)

## Wednesday, May 27, 1981

## Geodesy

Place Chiapparelli's Restaurant  
237 South High Street

## Hydrology

Place Caesar's Den  
223 South High Street

## Oceanography

Program: "The Impact of Satellites on Future Oceanographic Research"

W. Stanley Wilson, NASA

Place Velleggia's Restaurant  
Corner of Pratt & Albemarle Street

May 25-29, 1981  
Baltimore, Maryland

Mail this form to:  
Housing Bureau  
1 West Pratt St.  
Baltimore, MD 21201

American Geophysical Union  
Spring 1981 Meeting

## HOUSING APPLICATION FORM

## READ CAREFULLY:

Please print or type (pica spaced) all information abbreviating as necessary. Confirmation will be sent by the hotel to the individual named in Part I. If more than one room is required, this form may be photocopied.

## PART I

REQUESTOR	LAST NAME	FIRST
NAME OF COMPANY OR FIRM		
STREET ADDRESS OR P.O. BOX NUMBER		
CITY	STATE	ZIP-U.S.A.
COUNTRY	AREA CODE	PHONE NUMBER

## PART II

INSTRUCTIONS: Select THREE Hotel/Motels of your choice from the list of participating facilities, then enter the appropriate code letters in the boxes below.

FIRST CHOICE	SECOND CHOICE	THIRD CHOICE
HOTEL CODE	HOTEL CODE	HOTEL CODE

NOTE: Rooms are assigned in "First Come First Serve" order and if none of your choices are available, another facility will be assigned based on a referral system arranged by your convention organizer. A cut-off date is in effect and your application may not be processed if received after 14 days prior to your arrival date.

\*AGU housing registration deadline is April 24, 1981

## PART III

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Select type room desired with arrival and departure dates.  
2. PRINT or TYPE names of ALL persons occupying room.  
3. If more than two people share a room, check twin and the hotel will assign two double beds.

CHECK ONE	Arrival Date	MO	DAY	Guest Names (Print Last Name First)
<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE (Room with one bed one person)	Departure Date	MO	DAY	1.
<input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE (Room with one bed two persons)	Arrival Time	MO	DAY	2.
<input type="checkbox"/> TWIN (Room with two beds two persons)				3.
<input type="checkbox"/> P + 1 (Prior plus one-bedroom suite)				4.
<input type="checkbox"/> P + 2 (Prior plus two-bedroom suite)				
<input type="checkbox"/> EXTRA PERSON				

IMPORTANT NOTE: Hotel MAY require a deposit or some other form of guaranteed arrival. If so, instructions will be on your confirmation form.

## Planetology

Place Trattoria Petrucci  
300 South High Street

## Thursday, May 28, 1981

## Seismology

Program: A Scientific Talk: "Reference Earth Model and Beyond"

Adam M. Dziewonski,  
Harvard University, and Don  
L. Anderson, California  
Institute of Technology

## Sponsor

Kinematics, Inc.

TeleDyne Industries Inc.  
W.F. Sprengnether  
Instrument Co., Inc.

Place Antonio's Restaurant  
925 Eastern Avenue

## Solar-Planetary Relationships

Program: Role of AGU in Politicizing  
Public Policy for Science  
(tentative)

Ned A. Ostensio,  
Chairman, AGU Public Affairs  
Committee

Sponsor Martin Marietta Aerospace,  
Denver Division

Place Velleggia's Restaurant  
Corner of Pratt & Albemarle  
Street

## Geomagnetism and Paleomagnetism

Place DeNittis Restaurant  
906 Trinity Street

## Volcanology, Geochemistry, and Petrology

Place Sabatino's Restaurant  
901 Fawn Street

Check the appropriate spaces on the registration form and indicate number of reservations. Details of these activities will be published April 28th in the abstract issue of *Eos*. Follow the Sail Into Baltimore update.

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

## Union

Climate Variability (Monday PM)  
Voyager I Saturn Results (Wednesday AM)  
History of Space Research (Wednesday PM)  
Ground-Water Quality (Thursday PM)  
Ice (Thursday PM)

## Special Sessions

Decade NA Geology (GSA) (Monday PM)  
Overview of NSF Programs (Tuesday PM)

## Geodesy

Seasat-Geodesy (Wednesday AM)  
Geodesy I (Thursday AM)  
Geodesy II (Thursday PM)  
Geodesy III (Friday AM)

## Geomagnetism and Paleomagnetism

Tertiary Paleomagnetism (Monday AM)  
Paleomag/Megatectonics (Monday PM)  
EM Induction I (Tuesday AM)  
EM Induction II (Tuesday PM)  
Magsat-I (Wednesday AM)  
Magsat-II (Wednesday PM)  
Paleozoic/Precambrian (Wednesday PM)  
Geomagnetic Fluctuations (Thursday AM)  
Magnetization Processes I (Thursday AM)  
Magnetization Processes II (Thursday PM)

## Hydrology

Efficacy in Modeling (Monday AM)  
Acid Rain (Monday PM)  
General Surface Water (Monday PM)  
Urban Runoff I (Tuesday AM)  
Desertification (Tuesday AM)  
Urban Runoff II (Tuesday PM)  
Water and Synthetic Fuels (Tuesday PM)  
John Ferris Symposium I (Wednesday AM)  
John Ferris Symposium II (Wednesday PM)  
Drinking Water and Health (Wednesday PM)  
Organics in Ground Water (Thursday AM)  
Geochem and Water Quality (Thursday PM)  
General Groundwater (Friday AM)

## Meteorology

SEASAT-Meteorology (Monday AM)  
Atmospheric Chemistry I (Tuesday AM)  
General Meteorology (Wednesday PM)

## Oceanography

Seasat Oceanography I (Monday PM)  
Seasat Oceanography II (Tuesday AM)  
Paleo-Oceanography (Tuesday AM)  
Seasat Oceanography III (Tuesday PM)  
Chemical Traces (Tuesday PM)  
Shelf Circulation (Wednesday AM)

Marine Sediments (Wednesday AM)  
Deep Ocean Currents (Wednesday PM)  
Marine Geology (Wednesday PM)  
Small Scale Physics (Thursday AM)  
Hydrothermal Processes I (Thursday AM)  
Hydrothermal Processes II (Thursday PM)  
Physical Processes-Models (Thursday PM)  
Physical Processes (Friday AM)

## Planetology

Voyager Results (Wednesday PM)  
Planetary Surfaces (Thursday AM)  
Ice Bodies (Thursday PM)  
Venus Atmosphere I (Friday AM)  
Venus Atmosphere II (Friday PM)

## Seismology

Prediction and Strong Motion (Monday AM)  
Seismicity and Tectonics (Monday PM)  
Crustal Structure (Monday PM)  
Reflection and Refraction (Tuesday AM)  
Source Processes (Tuesday AM)  
Seismic Source (Tuesday PM)  
Earth Structure I (Wednesday AM)  
Earth Structure II (Wednesday PM)  
Networks and Locations (Thursday AM)  
Normal Modes (Thursday PM)

## Solar-Planetary Relationships: Aeronomy

Spectroscopy in Geophysics (Monday AM)  
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Thermosphere (Tuesday AM)  
Atmospheric Chemistry II (Tuesday PM)  
Atmospheric Chemistry III (Wednesday AM)  
Atmospheric Chemistry IV (Wednesday PM)  
Chatanika Radar I (Thursday AM)  
Chatanika Radar II (Thursday PM)  
Ionospheric Irregularities (Friday AM)

## Solar-Planetary Relationships: Cosmic Rays

Cosmic Rays (Monday AM)  
Pioneer 10 25 Au Crossing (Tuesday PM)  
Flare Composition (Wednesday AM)  
Shock Acceleration (Thursday AM)

## Solar-Planetary Relationships: Magnetospheric Physics

Plasma Instabilities I (Monday AM)  
Plasma Instabilities II (Monday PM)  
Birkeland Currents (Monday PM)  
Geomagnetic Pulsations (Tuesday AM)  
Auroral Phenomena (Tuesday PM)  
Theory/Simulation/Expt (Tuesday PM)  
Auroral Potential (Wednesday AM)  
Bow Shock (Wednesday PM)  
Charged Particles (Thursday AM)  
VLF Effects (Thursday AM)  
Magnetospheric Polypourri (Thursday PM)

AMERICAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION  
1981 SPRING MEETING

## RETURN THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

Meetings Registration  
American Geophysical Union  
2000 Florida Ave., N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20009

Office Use  
Reference Number

## DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF PREREGISTRATION—May 8, 1981

Days you plan to attend: ☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday  
☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday

## PREREGISTRATION (rates applicable only if received by May 8 deadline)

	More than one day	One Day
Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45	<input type="checkbox"/> \$22.50
Student Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$12.50
Nonmember	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65	<input type="checkbox"/> \$32.50

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Check the appropriate spaces and indicate number of reservations.  
AGU AWARDS RECEPTION, following open presentation ceremony, includes food and drink, 7:30 p.m., Hilton  
Cost per ticket: \$9.25

## No. of tickets

SCIENCE CENTER: An evening of fun and exploration; includes food and beer, 8:30 p.m., Maryland Science Center  
Cost per ticket: \$6.50

## SECTION LUNCHEONS

Cost of ALL LUNCHEONS, \$8.00 per ticket, unless otherwise noted

Geodesy \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday  
Geomagnetism and Paleomagnetism \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday  
Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday  
Oceanography \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday  
Planetology \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday  
Seismology—cost per ticket: \$3.50 due to subsidy \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday  
Solar-Planetary Relationship—cost per ticket: \$3.50 due to subsidy \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday  
Volcanology, Geochemistry, and Petrology \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday

Other payments (Please identify) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO AGU

Office Use

Code

Check No.



Please check appropriate box.  
Members of the cooperating societies may register at AGU member rates.  
Member badges are blue on white.  
Nonmember badges are red on white.  
☐ Member AGU ☐ Nonmember  
☐ Member cooperating society  
AMS—American Meteorological Society  
ASP—American Society of Photogrammetry  
ACSM—American Congress on Surveying and Mapping

Charge to: ☐ Payment enclosed  
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Signature



